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For: **DISPOSABLE SYRINGE DEVICE AUXILIARY UNIT FOR
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.